

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/715,121

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/31/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 24-34.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/146,517.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel Stanger on November 4, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 24, lines 15-16, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 24, line 16, "the second video identifier" has been changed to --the second video data identifier--.

Claim 24, line 17, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 24, line 18, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 24, line 21, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 24, lines 30-31, "the second video identifier" has been changed to --the second video data identifier--.

Claim 24, line 34, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 24, line 35, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 24, line 36, "the second video identifier" has been changed to --the second video data identifier--.

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Claim 34, line 12, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 34, lines 12-13, "the second video identifier" has been changed to --the second video data identifier--.

Claim 34, lines 13-14, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 34, line 15, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 34, line 18, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 34, line 31, "the second video identifier" has been changed to --the second video data identifier--.

Claim 34, line 34, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 34, line 35, "the video server" has been changed to --the identified video server--.

Claim 34, line 36, "the second video identifier" has been changed to --the second video data identifier--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art, Kenner (US 5,956,716 A) teaches a system and method for delivery of video data over a computer network. Particularly, the system provides video clips stored at local and/or remote locations, which can be requested from Internet and retrieved at user's terminal. When a user requests a desired video clip shown on a Web page, the request is diverted to a primary index manager (PIM). The PIM attempts to locate the closest server containing the requested clip. Kenner fails to teach or suggest the limitations "a video data information table...", "a video server information table..." and "...sends the video server identifier and the second video data identifier to the terminal originating the video data request"

and "...obtains the video data from the identified video server using the received second video data identifier" as recited in claim 24 and claim 34.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc K. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-7306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Grant can be reached on 571-272-7294. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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